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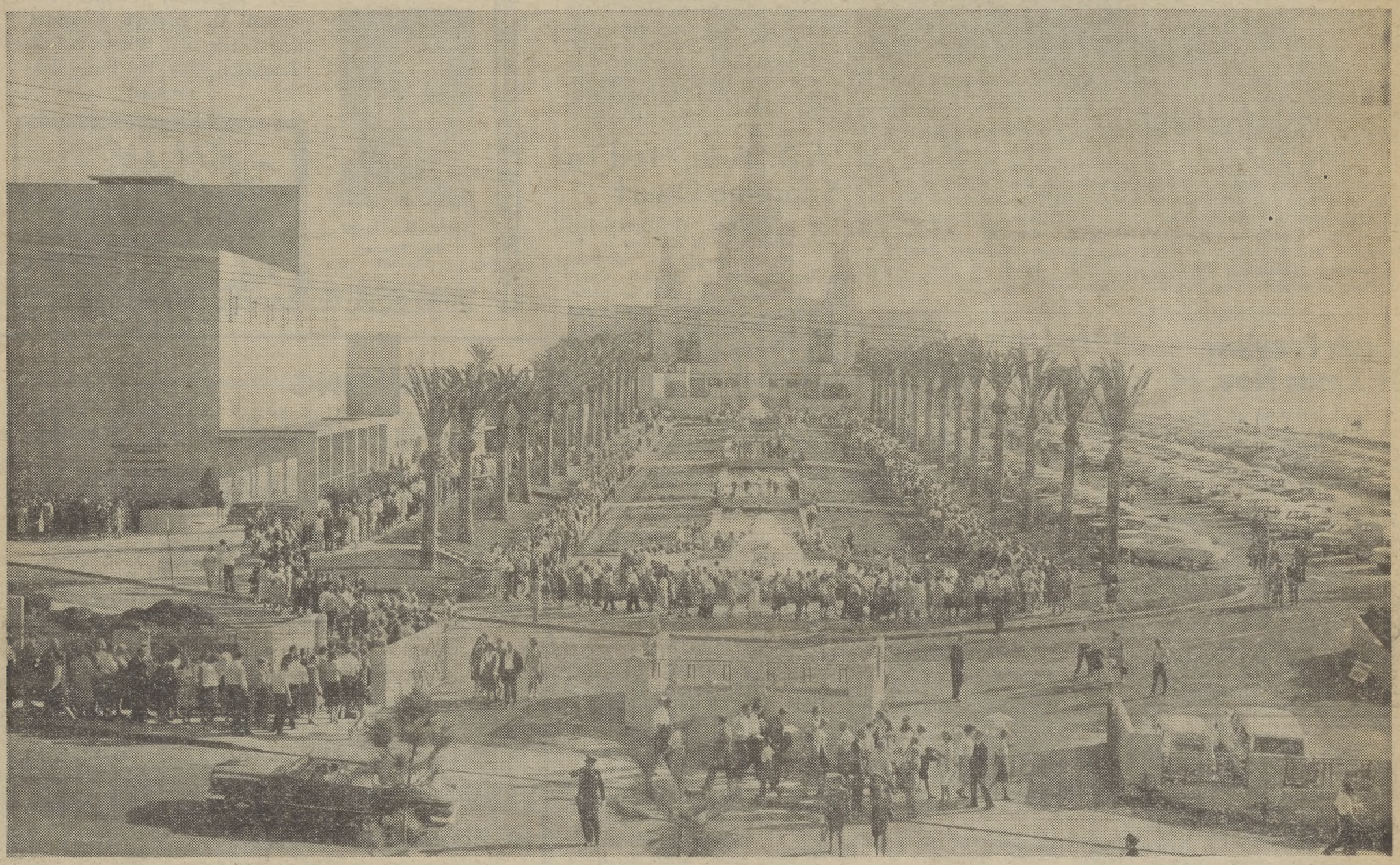


As the four-week "open house" at the newly-completed Oakland Temple approached its close the night of October 31, it appeared that 400,000 visitors would have passed through it since its opening to 20,000 "VIPs" September 25, according to Temple President Delbert F. Wright.

The original three-week opening to the public was extended for an additional week because of the tremendous interest shown. No further extension is contemplated because extensive repairs and cleaning are required (despite the orderliness and reverence of the throngs) to ready the building for dedication November 17, 18, and 19, President Wright indicated.

With the possible exception of the final Saturday (which hadn't arrived as this issue was made up), the largest attendance—24,005—was registered Saturday, October 17.

Visitors included all groups and classes of society, Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Negroes, rich, poor, old, young, invalids, athletes,—even "Mormons"—who all had one common characteristic-repsect and appreciation of beauty. Hundreds have been heard to exclaim their admiration of the Temple, the Church, the superb organization for handling the huge crowds, and the friendly attitude of the 5000-and - more volunteer hostesses, monitors, guides, parking attendants, and all-night janitorial crew. More than a few were known to have inquired, "What do I have to do to join this Church?"

Significant of the respect of the crowds is the fact that not one incident of disorder, defacement, or intentional damage had been reported as this was written. The rule against spike heels didn't have to be enforced—it was observed. Many ladies were seen to remove their high-heeled shoes and walk through in their stockinged feet.

Notable among the visitors were several groups of Nuns and other organized groups from other churches in the area, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, busloads from nearby "retirement" villages and schools. At least a hundred a day in wheel chairs were conducted through. Cars were observed in the parking lots bearing license plates from every state in the Union.

While the "ohs and ahs" went to the Temple, many favorable expressions were heard on the visits to the Oakland Ward Chapel and the Interstake Center, particulary the activities of the Primary, Sunday School, and MIA.

Composite impression after all this: we've made lots of friends. Some potential converts. Mayor John C. Houlihan of Oakland said publicly "The public viewing of the Mormon Temple in Oakland is the greatest single event in the history of the city. In the few days it has been open it has made a decided impression on the business activities of the area."

PAVILION RANKS 18TH

The Mormon Pavilion ranks 18th in attendance of the 136 pavilions at the New York World's Fair, according to figures released in early October. Church leaders expect attendance at the pavilion to hit the three million mark before closing.

'Now Let Us Rejoice' Sets Theme For Quarterly Conference Of Walnut Creek Stake Last Month

Its theme set by the opening song "Now Let Us Rejoice," the Walnut Creek Stake quarterly conference at the East Bay Interstake Center October 18 stressed the work of the Sunday School and Mutual Improvement Associations.

Presiding at the conference was ElRay L. Christiansen, assistant to the Council of the Twelve, coordinator of the work of the Temples in North America, Europe, Hawaii, and New Zealand and long time president of the Salt Lake Temple. Stake President Kenneth D. Jensen of Walnut Creek conducted the sessions.

"Happiness and obedience go hand in hand," Elder Christiansen told his audience. "We can't get far disobeying the laws of either man or God. 'As ye sow, so shall ye reap.' Sacrifice and adversity sanctify. No one ever got far without serving. The sanctifying effect of the Gospel will 'bail us out' in our adversity.

"If we can think of yesterday without regrets and of tomorrow without fear or shmea, we're on our way to happiness."

Elder Christiansen was accompanied by Willis S. Peterson of the Sunday School General Board, Charles E. Mitchener and Margaret R. Jackson of the Young Men's and Young Women's MIA, who addressed special meetings of their respective organizations during Saturday conference sessions and also spoke at the general session. Oakland Temple President Delbert Wright of Danville Ward addressed the general meeting and later the Sunday night session at the Walnut Creek Ward chapel, relating experiences with the "open house" and urging the young people to take an active part in Temple work.

President Jensen urged families to be close to one another and to our Father in Heaven. "Know the purpose of the Church and be a self-starter," he admonished the young people who were seated in a reserved section directly in front of the speakers' stand. "Develop work habits and leadership through teamwork. Overcome idleness. We are here to work, grow, and work out our Salvation.

Other pariticipatns on the program included Presidents J. R. Hilton and Mark R. Bickley of the stake presidency, Richard Wooley and Leah Brinton of the stake MIA, Wendell Jackson, stake Sunday School superintendent; Stake Patriarch Vinal G. Mauss. Stake Clerk Elwood Meredith, Don Martindale and Cline Black of the high council, a combined choir of the Pleasant Hill 2d and Danville Wards under direction of Gordon Keddington and accompanied by Ephra Baer, Nico D. Snel Sr., chorister; and Shirley Moore, organist.

Lunches between the Sunday sessions were provided by the Lafayette-Orinda Ward, whose members also cleaned up the building to be presentable for the flow of visitors the next morning.

Mayor Comments

Oakland Mayor John C. Houlihan's comment "The public viewing of the Mormon Temple in Oakland is the greatest single event in the history of the city," was made before he had visited it himself.

The Mayor, curious at finding unusual crowds in restaurants at Jack London Square on a Tuesday night, inquired the reason and traced the source to the throngs of visitors to the Temple. He made the quoted remark to Elder Lorenzo Hoopes, Oakland - Berkeley Stake high councilman and president of the Oakland Board of Education, then proceeded to visit the Temple with other city officials.

Competitors?

Well, we have competition for November—Alexander Schreiner is giving a recital at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2640 College Avenue, Berkeley, November 15.

The regular Interstake concert series, at 4 p.m., November 1, will be given by organist Frances Shelby Beniams. Assisting artists will be Wilbur Russell and his Marin County Handbell Ringers.

These people own one of the beautiful and expensive sets of handbells in this country. Several groups have become famous in Europe. The Marin County group under Dr. Russell, is now booked a year in advance. Many will remember the Christmas program over Channel 9, last year.

Dr. Wilbur Russell is also an organist and has been a guest artist several times on the Interstake Concert Series. His bell-ringing group changes from year to year, but some of his people have been ringing for several years. The 11 or 12 ringers ring a total of 37 bells, some of them ringing four bells each, as the music requires.

The program will comprise organ, bells, and the two combined. Since it will be early in December, the music will be largely in spirit of Christmas—featuring old Noels of various countries. The program will be announced in detail later.

FRANCES S. BENIAMS

Mrs. Benioms has also given several recitals on the Interstake organ during the last few years She is secretary to the committee for the Interstake concerts, Robert Douglas, director; which now comes under President Paul Summerhays, head of the Temple Visitor's Bureau.

Temple Pageant Being Readied

"And It Came To Pass," an original three-act pageant to be presented by the five-stake MIAs in the East Bay (Concord, Hayward, Oakland-Berkeley, San Leandro, Walnut Creek), will be seen Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December 3, 4, and 5. (NOTE: This is a change from the previously - announced November dates.)

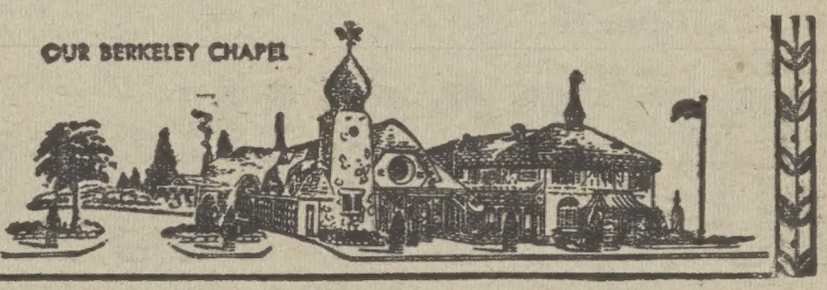
Rehearsals are under way in various East Bay wards by a 500-voice chorus, singers, dancers, narrators, and orchestras.

Cast rehearsals are scheduled for 7:30 p.m., November 2 and 9 at the East Bay Interstake Center, 4780 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland. ALL participants are expected to attend both rehearsals, according to Richard Wooley, Walnut Creek Stake YMMIA superintendent.

V. Ray Lewis New Crocker Manager

V. Ray Lewis, an assistant vice president, has been named manager of the Hayward office of Crocker-Citizens National Bank.

Mr. Lewis lives in the Oakland 4th Ward and has worked in Oakland and Berkeley branches of Crocker-Citizens. He is active in Boy Scout work having served as Treasurer for the Oakland Area Council and now serves as treasurer for the recently combined San Francisco Bay Area Council.



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Sneak Preview Of Xmas Nov. 14

A sneak preview of Christmas 1964 will be offered by the Oakland 4th Ward Relief Society Saturday, November 14, all day from 10:00 to 5:00, at 4705 Virginia Street.

This will be a "real, old-fashioned type" Relief Society Bazaar.

A cafeteria type luncheon will be served all day. Games, programs, Christmas gifts will be highlighted.

A special teen room with dancing and ping pong and checkers and latest records will be included.

Our ward MIA was divided in August to be a separate unit from the San Ramon Ward. This necessitated many changes, and our new presidency is as follows: YWMIA President, Charlotte Elliott; activity counselor, Jane Davis; age group counselor, Marelene Silver; and Leah Huff, secretary. YMMIA: President, Keith Mortensen; activity counselor, Robert Zimmerman; age group counselor, Jerry Weaver; and secretary, Brent Johnson. Also, Roger and Scheryl Paul have been called as new Young Married leaders. We also have a new Primary presidency. Serving as president is Pat Christensen, with Rhea Black as 1st counselor, and Connie Lee 2d counselor. Our recent change in bishopric necessitated a change in our Sunday School superintendency. Our new superintendent, John Totten, recently moved here from Oregon. Rey Call continues as 1st counselor, with Donald Stowell serving as 2d counselor. Newly appointed to the Hayward Stake YMMIA board were Livermore ward members Dennis Wilson and Dean Power. Dean will be secretary to the board and Dennis stake music director. Also called by the stake as an alternate high council member was our former bishop, Glen J. Behling.

Relief Society -'Bazaarnival was held October 23. It included a variety of activities, in addition to the traditional articles for sale at a Relief Society Bazaar. Available that night was a Mexican dinner, prepared under the supervision of Sister Clemintina Ranney.

The elders quorum had a box social October 30.

One more activity on the calendar for the benefit of the Building Fund, is to be a Christmas Dinner, supervised by Sister Leona Webb, scheduled fro Friday, December 4.

Another of our families recently was sealed in Los Angeles Temple. On October 16, Brother Ward and Sister Olivia Dabney, with their children Gregory Scott and Bryan Ward, participated in this ceremony.

Hayward Stake

Roast Beef Featured At Welfare Banquet

Roast beef and mashed potatoes will delight the palates of members of Hayward Stake and their friends at the annual Stake Welfare Banquet to be held November 7 at the Interstake Center in Oakland. The dinner, prepared by Wally Jones, superlative cook, and catered by Mike and Leona Webb, will be served from 6 p.m. on. There will be entertainment and proceeds will be used for the stake welfare assignment.

SOUTH PACIFIC CHAPELS

Five new meetinghouses were dedicated by Elder Franklin D. Richards, assistant to the Council of the Twelve, during his tour of the stakes and missions in the South Pacific area. He reports "a

'A.D.' Admitted To Supreme Court

A. D. Ericksen, well-known Bay Area attorney and member of the Berkeley 1st ward, was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States in a special ceremony October 4, 1964. For Brother "A.D." this is culmination of a life-long service in the legal profession. A few years ago he celebrated his 50th anniversary of admittance to the California Bar.

His life has included many political and legal activities as well as his service in connection with Camp Liahona.

After their Washington, Brother and Sister Ericksen visited the New York World's Fair.

Honest Joyce Returns Lost $$ To Owner

(The following is quoted from the Pleasant Hill High School newspaper, Ram Page. The story appeared under the same head as above. Joyce is the daughter of Sister Dorothy Yarbrough of Pleasant Hill Ward. Her brother Ted is on a mission in Brazil.—Ed.)

Joyce Davis, a senior attending PHHS, stumbled upon $200 at last week's game with Antioch.

Eyes Bulged

It came about when Mr. Kaputof relieved Joyce of selling tickets at the game. As she was leaving the ticket booth she discoveredat her feet a wallet containing $200 plus charge cards and a driver's license. She then told Mr. Kaputof about the discovery, and as John Kaputof said upon examining the contents of the wallet, "My eyes bulged out of my head."

Returned To Owner

The wallet then found its way to Mr. Hervieux. He announced the discovery over the PA system, and the wallet was returned to the owner. The man, who is believed to be a Mr. Jennings, tried to locate Joyce but she'd left the game in the meantime.

A Pat On The Back

This was a very commendable act, one that Joyce has reason to be proud of. A pat on the back to Joyce Davis.

Genealogical Research Library

By Mary B. Russell
British Research Director

With the dedication of our Temple soon to be over, the Genealogical Library will open once more on Wednesday, December 2. A greater interest in genealogical research is foreseen with an opportunity to enter a nearby Temple.

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Oakland-Berkeley Stake Meeting Hears Leaders

Two prominent leaders of the Church were feature speakers at the quarterly conference of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake, Saturday and Sunday, October 31 and November 1.

They were Stephen C. Richards, member of the Priesthood Home Teaching Committee,and Lenard Doyle Robison of the Missionary Committee.

General sessions of the conference were held Sunday at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at 4780 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, conducted by Stake President O. Leslie Stone, 44 Bellevue Avenue, Piedmont 11.

Elder Richards is a former president of the Central German Mission. He has been a furniture company executive and taken an active role in church leadership.

Elder Robison attended LDS Business College and now is in the real estate and insurance business in Reno. He has been first counselor in the Reno Stake Presidency, a member of the high council, bishop, bishop's counselor, elders quorum president and Sunday School officer.

Elders Richards and Robison addressed special meetings for Priesthood and Missionary leaders on Saturday.

GET COPY IN EARLY

Everyone interested in The Messenger of Northern California, especially stake and ward reporters, is reminded that editorial copy should be in the editor's hands by the 20th of each month and pictures by the 15th.

In five-Friday months like October, that gives more time than we need, but in months like September it's barely enough. For several months copy and pictures have been coming in too late to be used until next month.

Swor-Meuter Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Swor, of Camarillo, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marilee Rae Swor, to Ralph Fredick Meuter, son of L. C. Meuter Sr. of Haight Avenue, Alameda and the late Mrs. Meuter.

Marilee was graduated from high school in Camarillo in 1962 and is a junior at Chico State where she joined Alpha Gamma Delta.

The benedict-elect was graduated from Encinal High School in 1959 and from Chico State College where he was affiliated with Phi Kappa Tau. He attends the University of Oklahoma where he expects to obtain his master's degree

The couple plans to be married next summer in Camarillo.

Ages 3 To 83 Work On Welfare Farm

Here are the pictures received too late to reproduce in time for the story last month of Mission Ward workers from age three to 83 in the peas and artichokes on the San Francisco Stake welfare farm.

Shown are Marianne Chandler, 3, the youngest worker, and Emma Joan Swank, 83, the oldest. Sister Swank was born a deaf mute and gained her hearing after being fitted with a hearing aid a few years ago. Then through long, hard work and faith she learned to speak. She recently bore her testimony and expressed delight at her increased ability to serve the Lord.

50,000 S. A. Baptisms

The 50,000th convert in South America was baptized in early October, according to Pres. A. Theodore Tuttle of the South American mission. Of these, about 30,000 have received baptism in the last three years.

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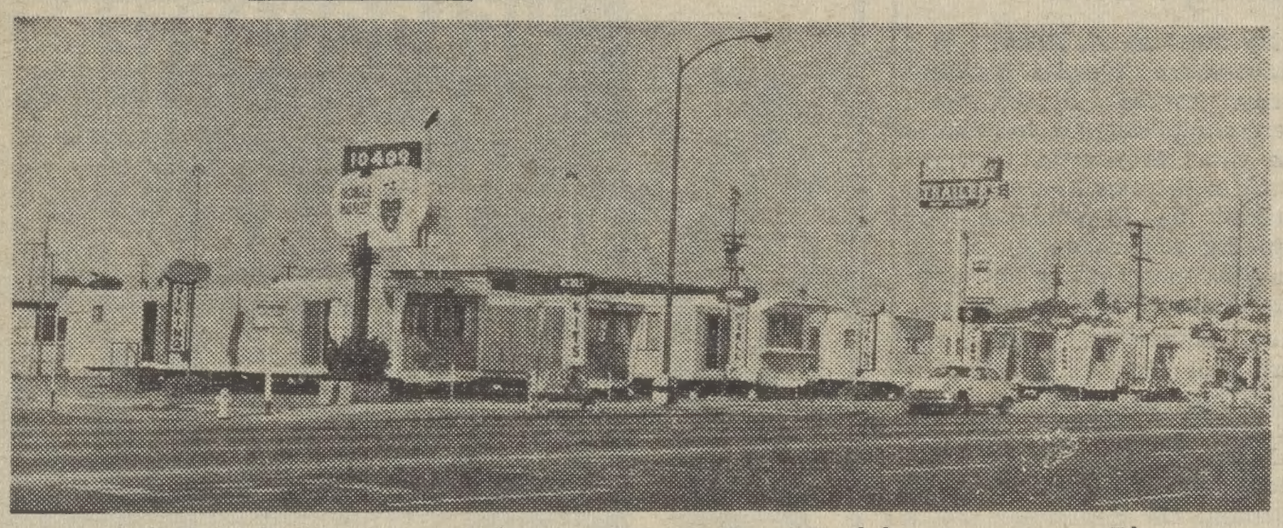

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Alameda Ward

To Olympics

By Lue Seavers & Violet Pinckney

Departing for the Olympic Games in Tokyo, on Oct. 8 were Robert De Celle Sr. and Jr. What an outing for father and son!

Attending General Conference were Bishop S. Vernon Gardner and Joseph Ray Tolman, Sr.

Thys and Reba Winkel are returning to Utah for the second time since their return to visit Reba's mother who is ill.

Jack and Lorene Powell recently enjoyed a visit with their son Gary and his family at Riverside, enjoying their new grandson Michael and also visiting the George H. Pinckneys, Jr. and family at Costa Mesa.

Flying up from Fullerton, Saturday Sept. 26 for four days were Mrs. David S. Pinckney and two sons David and Michael attending open house for her younger sister Linda at El Cerrito who married Lyn Storey.

Brother Wayne and Sister Elizabeth Lambourne from Fullerton visited Walt and Ver Soots.

Erma Knight and her sister Kathleen Morgan have moved to Salt Lake City.

Blessed: by Brother Wm.. B. Schow was his grandson, Troy Ronald Aiello and Henry Eugene Podwys by Bishop S. Vernon Gardner.

Confirmed: Wayne Morris Gilbert by Elder Demmet.

The Ward has four full-time missionaries, Elder Demmet and Wilson who have been here for sometime and Sisters Jackson from St. Anthony, Idaho and Cossman from New Brunswick (St. Johns) Canada.

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The Temple Gates have been opened! The brothers rejoice in a job well done. Left: Elder Paul E. Warnick, Oakland Temple Committee executive secretary; President James Price Ronnow, Reno stake; Elder Harold W. Burton, Church architect; President Delbert F. Wright, Oakland Temple; Leon M. Wheatley and Jack R. Wheatley, builders; President Howard Allen, Northern California Mission and President O. Leslie Stone, Oakland Temple committee chairman.

David Child Goes To New Zealand

A call to serve as a missionary in the New Zealand mission has been received by Elder David Wayne Child. He will enter the mission home in Salt Lake City October 5 for intensive preparation, prior to reporting at mission headquarters in Wellington, New Zealand. A missionary farewell was held in his honor Sunday, September 27 at Richmond Ward chapel.

Elder Child is the second son of Ronald and Della Child and was born in Palo Alto. The family moved to Richmond where David attended schools, graduating from Harry Ells High School. He has attended CCJC and enrolled last year at BYU.

CHURCH GROWS IN EUROPE

There are 420 congregations of Latter-day Saints in the European mission and approximately 44,000 members, Pres. Ezra Taft Benson of the European mission reported during October general conference.

Oakland 2d Ward

Mother Baptized By Counselor Son

By Winnie Hill

Williams Beard, 2d counselor in the Oakland 2d Ward bishopric, baptized his mother Sarah Beard last month. Brother Beard said he has four brothers and two sisters to go.

Primary officers and teachers are: Ruba Goldsmith, president; Ruth Fruge, 1st counselor; Beryl Whitesides, 2d counselor; Lois Hutchings, secretary; Marjory Fullmer, in-service teacher; Renee Nethercott and Betty Allphin, Lihona teachers; Carole Hansen, trail-builder teacher; Maureen Radabaugh, top pilots teacher; Sue Makanski, co-pilot teacher; Shirleen Jankowski, C.T.R. teacher; Betty Glaeria, sunbeams teacher; and Maxine Dunn, starts teacher.

Boys and girls who have returned college include Sharon Allphin, Joanne Rounds, Cathy Nethercott, Brent Collard, John Duke, BYU; Gay Whitesides, California at Berkeley; Bob Whitesides, Utah State; Sandy Shaw, Chabot College.

The First Quorum of Elders of San Leandro Stake gave a party at the home of Brother and Sister Hall for Dr. and Mrs. Jess Bromley who have moved from the ward. Dr. Bromley is former quorum president.

The Relief Society's Opening Party last month, had the largest attendance in many years.

An interesting and informative book review was presented by Sister Annaleone D. Patton of her book "California Mormons",

Theme selected for table decorations, "Pearls of Truth", was carried out uniquely. At each place setting were small shells containing pearls and attached to a blue card with a quotation from the Doctrine & Covenants. Shells, pearls and flowers completed the artistic decoraions. Sisters Ione Morris, Ada Allan and Hermina Ramsey were responsible.

President Evelyn Duncan welcomed the guests and then introduced the officers: Counselors Ada Allan and Ione Morris, Secretary-Treasurer Elma Hall.

Sister Ada Allan introduced the teachers: Lilia V. Johnson, Zelnora Evans, Carol Hansen, Lilith Williams. Each responded with a short talk—"My Pearl of Truth".

Sisters Ione Morris, Ada Allan and Winnie Hill had charge of the luncheon and were assisted by Sisters Thelma Widerstrand, Maureen Radabaugh and Lorraine Estey.

Livermore Ward

All Drive For Building Fund

By Marlene A. Rose

As Livermore Ward's building fund drive proceeds, the bishopric has been explaining to individual families what is needed to complete the furnishings in the chapel and enable us to dedicate our building. Pledges made by many families plus many other activities bring us closer to our goal.

Pot-luck dinner was held in the Cultural Hall October 10. Voluntary contributions put almost $100 in the fund. Another activity planned is "Pass the Basket," with Bob and Merrie Zimmerman as chairmen. On September 18, a ham and turkey buffet-style dinner was served by the Relief Society. More than $400 was turned over to the ward budget.

The following children were blessed in September: Ronda Ruth Philpott, Sandra Lee Philpott, Kathryn Lynn Philpott, Kurt Mack Brandt, Bryan Ward Dabney, Larry Alan Bennet, Mavanee Griggs and Newel Ray Griggs. New members confirmed and welcomed into the church were David Nielsen, Douglas Val Brandt, Wesley Philpott, Rebecca Czirr and Laura Power.

President Evelyn Duncan expressed the Society's appreciation for Sister Fern Birchell's years of service as literature teacher and presented hr a gift.

The women of the Relief Society are busy preparing for the annual Bazaar November 14, 5.00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Dinner will be served.

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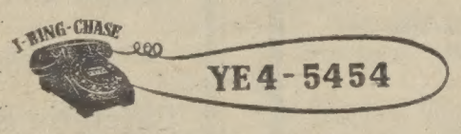

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Waymen G. Foulger

Waymen G. (Bill) Foulger, El Cerrito, died May 5th in the Veterans Hospital in Martinez. Brother Foulger was born April 14, 1897 in Ogden, Utah, a son of Arthur K. and Annie Ingebretsen Foulger.

He had lived in Ogden 44 years and in the San Francisco area since 1941. He retired as chief accountant for the Utah Construction & Mining Co. in April 1962 holding the record for the longest continuous service for full time employees of the company. He began his career with the Utah Construction Co. at the general office in Ogden in July 1917 and was transferred to the San Francisco office in 1941.

Brother Foulger was a veteran of World War I and was a non-commissioned officer, regimental sergeant major, when discharged.

Surviving are his widow, Nancy L. Rawson Foulger of El Cerrito, a son, Glen R. Foulger and daughter-in-law Janet Foulger of Salt Lake City, one brother Byron K. Foulger of West Los Angeles and one sister, Mrs. Kay Titus, Hawthorne, California, and three grandchildren: Nancy K., William Earl and Michael Glen Foulger of Salt Lake City.

He was a member of Berkeley 2d Ward. Burial was in Ogden City Cemetery, Ogden, Utah.

Oakland-Berkeley MIA Cultural Arts Series Announced

Oakland-Berkeley Stake MIA announces the program for the MIA Cultural Arts Series of the 1964-65 season, a Church-sponsored program designed to enhance the social and cultural needs of all L.D.S. people in the area.

The program will commence with the Harvest Ball at the Interstake Center at 8 p.m., November 27.

This event will be followed by a dinner dance in February, a musical evening, "Fantasy of Sound," in March; a night at the theater in April; the Gold and Green Ball in May, and a dinner-dance.

This entire series is offered for $12.50 a couple, a considerable saving from the single-event admission price. Series tickets are available from all ward MIA officers. Further information and series tickets may be obtained from Bud Billeter, 2959 Burdeck Drive, Oakland, 94602, or phone 536-7186.

David Ream Is Promoted To Captain

Army captain David Ream receives his new bars from his wife Judy and Col. V. M. McElroy.

After 18 months of commissioned service, David W. Ream, formerly of Berkeley 2d and University wards, has been promoted to captain in the U.S. Army. Capt. Ream, his wife Judy, (formerly of Hayward(and daughter, Jennifer, are stationed with the Judge Advocate General at Ft. Monmouth, N.J.

Friends of the Reams will remember Dave as the teacher of the Gospel Message class in University Ward while he completed his L.L.B. degree at Boalt Hall. His wife, Judy also a graduate of the University of California was active as a teacher in the University Ward Relief Society.

Dave is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Ream of the Berkeley 2d Ward.

Concord 2d Ward

Tom Womble To Aberdeen, Wn.

By Jackie Burt

Concord 2d Ward's growing numbers in the mission field now include Elder Tom Womble in Aberdeen, Washington. Tom, a recent convert to the Church, is thrilled to be called on a mission. While in Concord, Tom lived with Bob and Jackie Jackson, who miss him terribly in the short time he has been gone. Tom attended pre-law courses at Diablo Valley College and plans to resume his studies on return from his mission. Elder Womble's influence as a missionary had been felt before his formal call, as his mother, who lives in Florida, became interested and joined the Church soon after her son was baptized.

Al Thomas reports that last month's Smorgasbord was the most successful ward dinner we have ever held, including those before the ward was split. Its success is atributed in large part to the growing reputation of the Erikssons for culinary skill. More than 150 members enjoyed a wide selection of good foods, and then

Our ward extends fellowship to new converts Russ and Judy Java, and their three children.

People coming, — people also going! How about those Adminst-

People coming,—people also going! How about those Administers, winning a trip to Hawaii, in the Sunset Magazine contest.
turned their chairs towards the stage to watch one of the finest variety shows ever to accompany the annual dinners. Chairman Jim Evans outdid himself in obtaining clever comedy and musical routines. Our spring ward dinner will be of a different type, but planners are already at work to make it as successful as the smorgasbord.

Basketball fans, don't forget that our senior and junior teams could use some rooters at their Monday night games, 7:30 (juniors) and 8:30 (seniors), at Ygnacio Valley High School. The Seniors won their first game against Clayton Valley Ward.

Ward Conference will be held November 22.

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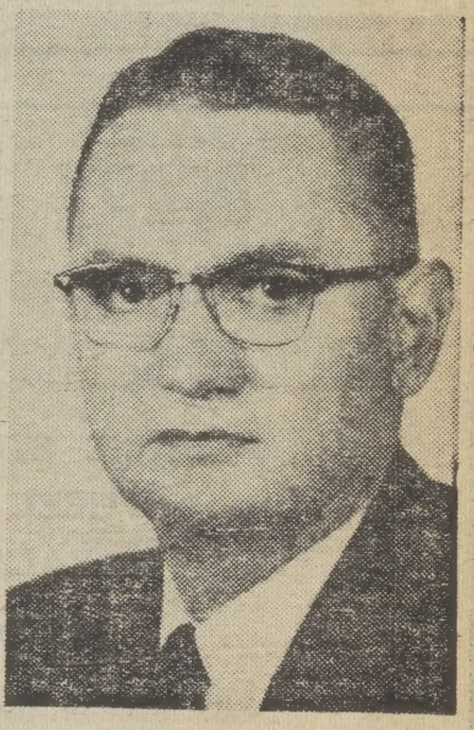


Church Architect Howard W. Burton hands over the keys to the Oakland Temple President Delbert F. Wright after the ceremony of opening the court yard gates to admit visitors for public viewing.

El Sobrante Ward

Gay Nineties Rendezvous

By Evelyn Childers

Like Cinderella the chapel will be transformed for an evening into party clothes, with individual tables, candlelight, soft music, a delicious chicken dinner, and a professional stage show of muisc of the nostalgic Gay Nineties. The yearly surprise act itself is worth the price of the evening—yet there is an entire evening of outstanding professional entertainment. Don Martindale is directing another wonderful RENDEZVOUS in Gay Nineties theme. Those who have attended one Rendezvous know it is a yearly "must" event. This year it is held at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, November 7, at the chapel on 4351 Hilltop Drive, El Sobrante; $5.00 each is the suggested donation.

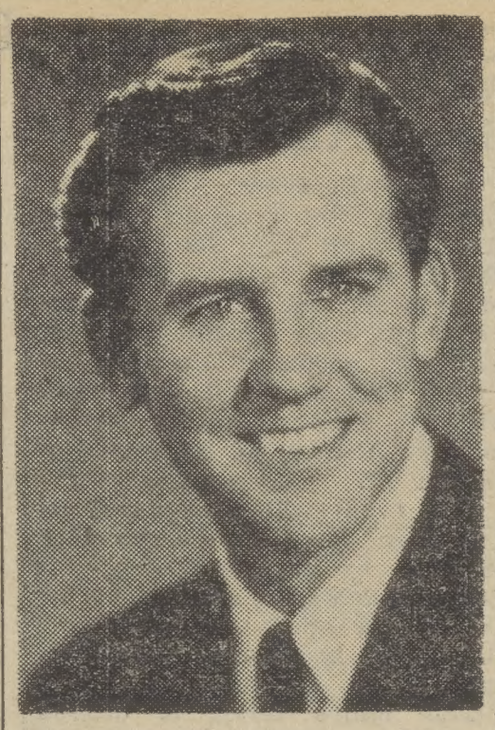
El Sobrante's ward bishopric and their wives financed, cooked, and served a dinner as appreciation to the officers and teachers of the ward for their work and efforts of last year. The tables were beautifully decorated with autumn flowers; the dinner was delicious—salad, beef stroganoff over rice, green beans, and dessert. Following dinner, an hilarious program appeared under the direction of master of ceremonies, Bishop Dene Ogden. Teams plying their talents making newspaper siuts on live models provided much laughter—and our hats are off to the "models" who were such good sports. The group enjoyed harmonizing oldtime songs—after which the bishop announced there would be a much larger choir in the future- Also on the program was an interesting rendition of Mormon folk songs, a violin solo by George Gowans, a piano solo by Eleanor Kennard. The officers and teachers express thanks and appreciation in this manner—and we say it is our privilege to serve with such a fine bishopric.

Ralph Severson, son of Floyd and Frances Severson, has been called to the East French Mission. Ralph was given a warm farewell with the chapel filled to overflowing with friends and relatives wishing him well.

The ward enjoyed another successful carnival of festivities. There were many booths of skill games, all kinds of "eats", bazaar items, and fun galore for everyone. The skill games were fun—one in particular must have been popular, according to the line we saw tried their hand at hitting the target and each successful target hit caused the bishopric to hit the water with a splash! Wonder how the bishopric likes water these days—seems there were some successful targets.

This has been a newlywed month—Lynn and Linda Storey; Wally and Linda Yancey; and Sharolyn and Jim Becker.

Brother Okla F. Killebrew, Centerville Ward, died October 9. He was a native of Oklahoma, and a convert to the Church. He and his wife, Ada, were married in the Los Angeles Temple in June. They have no children. Services were conducted by Bishop Jerald C. Jackman with talks given by former Bishops Kay W. Richardson and Andrew G. Hunt.



Sustained as 2d counselor to Bishop Russell L. Kern of Daly City Ward, San Francisco Stake, recently was Ronald Faulkner. He succeeds Vernel Jesse Wallace who was called to the stake farm committee. Elder Faulkner is a native of Anaheim, a dental student, and the husband of Garnee Moody Faulkner, president of Daly City Ward Primary. They were married in 1954 and have two children.

Other changes in the ward include the sustaining of Cyrus M. Hershman as president of the 3d Quorum of Elders, Willard George as 1st counselor, Hugh Johnson as superintendent of the YMMIA, Lenna Baldwin as president of YWMIA, Wayne Cotter as assistant to Brother Johnson, Ruth Horsley and Marsha Bain as assistants to Sister Baldwin, Virginia Sudduth and Marlene Bagley as counselors to Sister Faulkner, Vernon Kite as counselor in the Sunday School superintendency, and R. K. Homer as chairman of the finance committee.

Newark Ward

New Presidency For Relief Society

By Barbara Hoskin

Newark ward's Relief Society started its year in a big way last month. Not only was the calendar full, but we have a new presidency. New officers are: Janice Carlile, president; Leah McLaughlin, first counselor; Ralene Wilson, second counselor and Loris Bricker, secretary.

The opening social was a luncheon-fashion show with clothing provided by International Fashions. Dee Whitworth was luncheon chairman and Jackie Behning was fashion coordinator. Models were Anita Anderson, Marian Eatchel, Valiera James, Myrlene Nelson, Norma Pittson and Jackie Rowe.

Highlighted by a chicken dinner and Gay 90's variety show, the Relief Society held its annual bazaar when aprons, novelty, bake and children's booths provide fun and shopper-selections.

The Newark Ward Elders' Quorum will sell Christmas cards this year.

Hallowe'en was uppermost in MIA plans last month. The young people arranged and carried out the details including a spoke alley, games, refreshments and a dance. Halloween parties were also held by the Primary and Young Marrieds.

Earlier in the month, the Beehive class held a school for Queens. Mothers of the girls were invited to Mutual for an explanation of the projects their daughters will be working on throughout the coming year.

Guide Patrol boys Glenn Eckersley and Mike Panarites graduated from Primary last month in the scouting program at MIA.

Mormonairs Plan San Simeon Trip

By Lucy Jacobs

Enjoyable times have been had by the Mormonaires. Special activities have included a hayride and barbecue in Redwood Park, a beach party to which the club members took their families, and a week end in Yosemite.

Plans are under way for a trip to San Simeon to visit the Hearst Castle in February. Reservations should be made soon. Further details will appear in the monthly news letter. Sterling Yeaman of San Leandro Stake is handing arrangements.

Recent speakers for the firesides, held the first Sunday of each month in Oakland 4th ward chapel, have been President Delbert Wright of the Oakland Temple and Samuel W. Taylor of Menlo Park, noted auhor and playwright.

Single women between the ages of 25 and 49 and single men between 25 and 55 are invited to join us in our activities.

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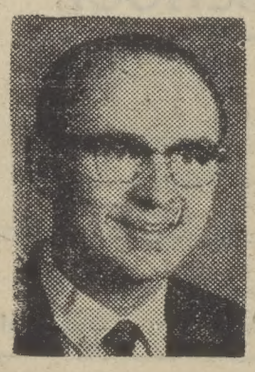
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Hayward 2d Ward

Dinner At Relief Society Opener

By Mel Venturi

Opening social for Hayward 2d Ward Relief Society was held October 10. A dinner was served. This was a hoe-down, cottons were worn, and instruction was given in square dancing. There was entertainment also. Everyone had fun.

A Halloween party is planned for the MIA, with a spook alley—costumes, games, and refreshments.

Beverly Watson has a new daughter. The Watsons have named her Pauline.

Our ward catered a dinner held by the Mutual Married group of Hayward 3d ward. Their ward caters for our dinners and we cater for theirs. This relieves everyone of kitchen duties so they can entertain and enjoy the evening.

We have some changes in our Relief Society. Our 2d counselor has been called to the Stake Relief Society. Betty McCain is the new work counselor. Jody Morris is the new work director and Doris Buckner is now the literature teacher.

An "Almost New" sale was held, and a chili dinner served by the Mutual and the Primary. Proceeds of the sale, $104, went to the welfare budget.

Many of our men and women have been working at the Temple as hostesses, guides, and parking attendants.

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1961 Athletic Champs 1964 Missionaries

In 1961-2 Hayward Ward put together a team of basketball and softball champions that is now a team of missionary champions. Under direction of Coach Vince Maldonado,, Hayward Ward's junior basketball team won the stake championship and went to the finals in in the regional playoffs. In softball they won the stake championship.

Now Vic Simard and Dennis Stewart arelaboring in Japan. Kay Bryson is on the small island of Tubua in the French Polynesian mission. Mike Raymor, a non-member friend of the group filled attendance and other requirement to be eligible to play. Larry LaPray and Jay Crockett are both in eastern Canada, Larry in English-speaking Ottowa, Jay in French-speaking Quebec. Newest member of the team to receive his call is Art Berg who is in New York. Craig Bryson, youngest player on the team, is 17 now and looking forward to following his teammate into the mission field when he is old enough.

They are shown here with a trophy they won, and another which they presented to their Coach as a token of their affection and appreciation. Left to right, front, Crockett, Maldonada, Craig Bryson; rear row, Simard, Stewart, Kay Bryson, Raymor, LaPray, Berg.

Miracle of Tithing, Personal Testimony

By Esther England

We are witnessing the miracle of tithing-blessings-!

We have raised five sons and lived, conscientiously, on a modest income.

We thought all that should come first and our Church obligations last, never having been fully converted to the Law of Tithing.

Then John retired, our family grown and on their own. So we turned, wholeheartely, to our Church.

We made up our minds, thanks to our dear bishop, that we would devote the full requirements, according to our ability, in the hope that our Heavenly Father might be pleased with our "Johnny Come Lately" efforts.

Lo and behold! The blessings have come pouring in; money-wise, health-wise and spiritually. We are amazed!

We have been blessed to go through the House of the Lord and receive our Temple Endowments and we are eternally grateful.

"Our cup runneth over" truly.

We kneel in humble prayer, asking forgiveness for our previous blind weaknesses.

We know we would be a happier and more fulfilled family if we had lived the Law of Tithing.

This is our Testimony and we say it in the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

GENERAL CONFERENCES

The 135th annual general conference of the Church will be held Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, April 4, 5, and 6, according to an announcement by Church leaders. April 6, 1965, will be the 135th anniversary of the organization of the Church. The General Priesthood session will be Monday, April 5.

The135th semi-annual general conference will be on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 1, 2, and 3.

General auxiliary conferences for 1965 are: Sunday School: Semi-annual conferences April 4 and October 3, each at 7 p.m.; Relief Society, September 29 and 30. MIA, June 18, 19, and 20. Primary Association conference will be April 2 and 3.

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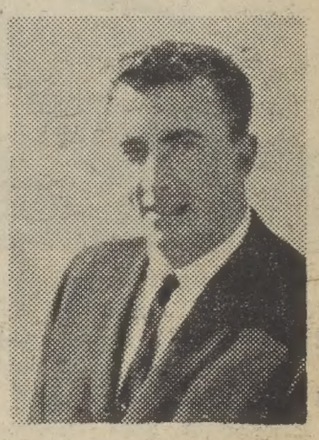

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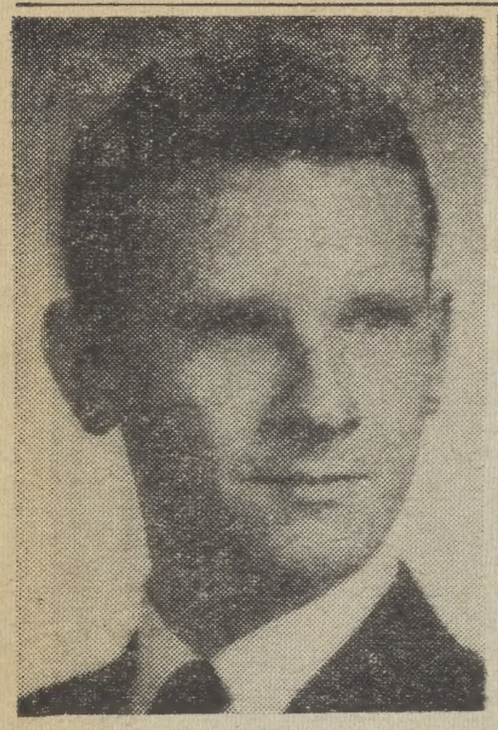
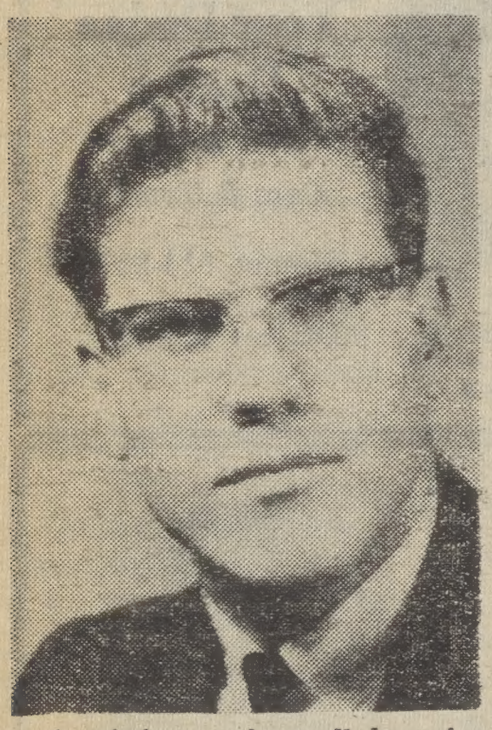


On the evening of September 27 in the Berkeley 2d Ward chapel a farewell testimonial was held in honor of Elder Robert George Olson who has been called to serve in the Central British Mission. He was scheduled to enter the Mission Home in Salt Lake October 12.

Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Olson of El Cerrito. He is a graduate of El Cerrito High School and last year attended Brigham Young University where he was a member of the University male chorus. This last summer Robert has served in the Sunday School superintendency of the University Ward in Berkeley.

Elder Olson has received the Duty to God award and is an Eagle Scout. In 1961 he represented Oakland-Berkeley Stake at the Fellowship of Christian Athletes conference in Estes Park, Colorado. Robert's departure for the mission field brings to 13 the number of full-time missionaries from Berkeley 2d Ward.

Called To Brazil



A missionary farewell honoring JOHN PRICE BALL of pleasant Hill 2d Wadr was held October 11. John is the son of Russell and Hazel Ball and a grandson of the late Patriarch and Sister I. B. Ball..

John is a graduate of College Park High School where he served as president of the Future Teachers of America and for two years was president of the California Scholarship Federation. On graduation from high school he received the Bank of America Award as the school's best student in science and mathematics as well as the Bausch & Lomg Honorary Science Award for achievement in the study of science.

He declined an honorary Alumni Scholarship to the University of California to accept a scholarship at Brigham Young University where he has completed two years of study in the honors program.

During the last three years, while not in school, John has been employed as a chemist in the process control laboratory of Durkee Famous Foods in Berkeley.

John has been active in the ward where he has held numerous offices, been a teacher, and a member of the Youth Missionary Committee and earned seven individual Aaronic Priesthood awrdas. John has spent the last four months on a Stake mission.

Mission Ward

Larry W. Lollar Called On Mission

By Leonard W. Cryer

Larry George Lollar, 19, son of George W. and Alta Lollar, called to the British Canadian Mission, leaves for his mission Nov. 16. A missionary farewell testimonial meeting will be held for him at Mission Ward Chapel at 5 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 8. Larry was born and raised in Mission Ward and has been active in Primary, Mutual, Seminary, and Priesthood. His father ordained him to all his offices in the Priesthood.

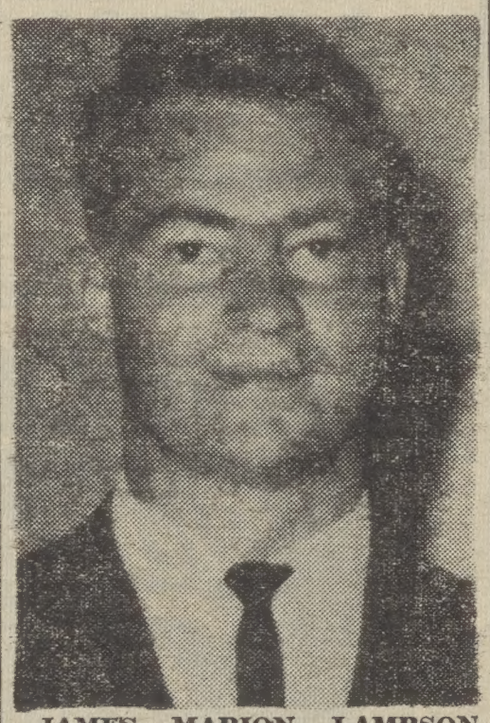
The father, George Lollar, bore his testimony October 25, telling of his reunion with a daughter Anita by a former marriage whom he hadn't seen or heard from in more than 30 year. During that time she had become a convert, been married in the Temple, and learned her father's whereabouts through her work in genealogy.

Asked by the Chuch Historian to supply missing records, Elder Leonard W. Cryer, assistant ward clerk, searched storage places apparently untouched for years and found records of the ward auxiliaries that dated from formation of the ward in 1927. These have been forward for addition to the records of the Church.

Leanora Barber has been called as a Temple ordinance worker in the new Oakland Temple. Wife of Bishop Conrad S. Barber and and mother of Melvin C. Barber, one of the ward's full-time missionaries (Argentina), she is a lifelong member of the Church, married in the Temple. When she was married her doctors warned her that she would not have healthy children because of her own health. However, her Patriarchal Blessing disagreed—and was right. She has raised four sons in the Church.

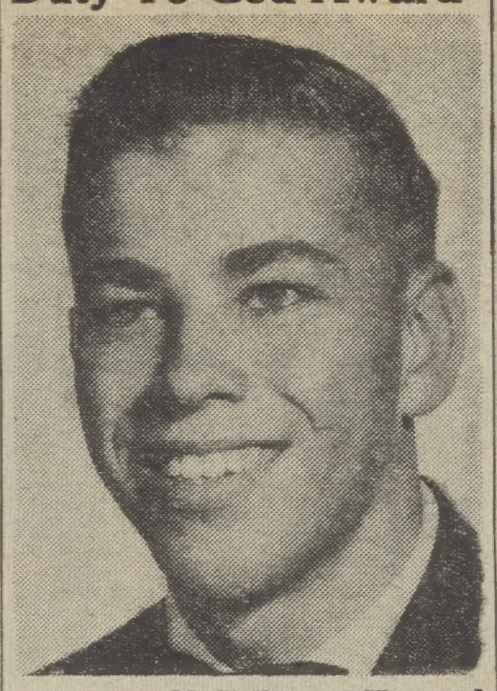
Mission Ward members who have helped during the Oakland Temple's "open house" include Everette Henry, Elverda Henry, Irving Bigelow, Walter Pietsch, Emma Draper, Kenneth Thomsen, Martha Thomsen, Myrtle Nelson, Ardith Yost, Kim Rogers, Nelson Martinez, Laron Johnson, Alan Rogers, Harold Blevins, Lucile Blevins, and Donna Jo Nelson.

Josephine E. Squires, 92 years old, passed away on October 16, 1964, in San Francisco. A Mormon for 65 years, she was a member of Mission Ward for 20 of these years. She was born in nearby Gilroy, California, on February 2, 1872, and lived all her life in California. The funeral was held October 20.



JAMES MARION LAMBSON was honored at a farewell testimonial in the Mission ward August 9. He is serving in the Central American Mission. Elder Lambson is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lambson of San Francisco. Elder Lambson attended San Francisco schools, was active in sports and in the Church. He attended San Francisco City College and was president of the Deseret Club. He graduated from Seminary, was active in Scouting and received the Duty to God award. He has served as assistant Scoutmaster and assistant Sunday School Superintendent.

Duty To God Award



Norman McClellan of Hayward Ward was awarded his Duty to God award by Bishop W. Shannan Murphy Sunday, October 18, during the regular Sacrament meeting This high award represents achievement in both Scouting and Priesthood attendance and assignments.

There were time when attending Church meetings was difficult for Norman, when he was traveling with his parents in South America and often had to go great distances to Church. He attended the British school in Montevideo, Uruguay, for two years and filled so many requirements in the 'solid' subjects that he was advanced one year when he returned to Hayward, and will praduate this year from Hayward High School. He studied Spanish and French in South America and speaks Spanish fluently. He was clerk in the Carrasco branch where the McClellans lived.

Norman's hobbies are stamp and coin collecting. He plays the guitar and is on the track team aat high school and the ward junior basketball team. He learned to play rugby and soccer in South America and thinks soccer is "the greatest."

Douglas A. McOmber, son of Brother and Sister Adrian McOmber, longtime residents of Centerville Ward, has been called to the Southern Far East Mission. He reports to the Mission Home November 9.

A farewell in his honor was held on Sunday, Oct. 25. The program included talks by his parents, his uncle, Emerson McOmber of Palo Alto, Bishop Jerald C. Jackman, and Douglas himself. The music included a piano solo by Denise Malmberg and a selection by a male quartet.

Douglas, who was graduated from Washington High School in Freemont with the highest grade point average in its history, spent his first two years of college at Brigham Young University and San Jose State College, respectively. While a senior at Washington High, Douglas received the Bank of America award in foreign language achievement, having studied 3 years of French and of Spanish.

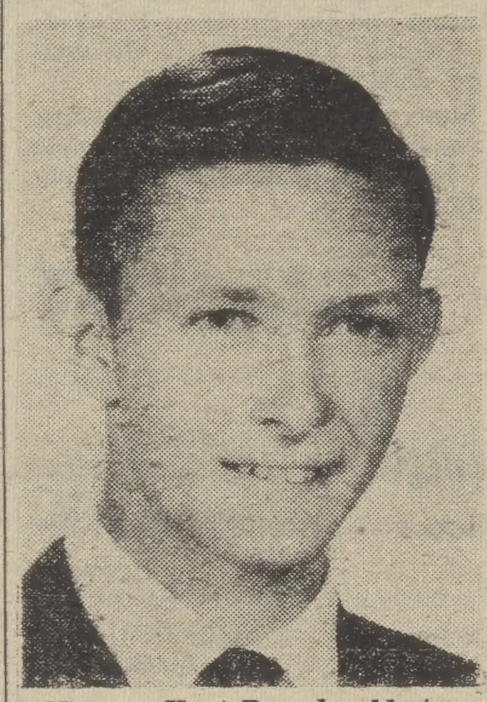
When his mission is completed, Doug will return to BYU to study chemistry and use the remainder of a 4-year scholarship he won upon high school graduation.

Oldest of seven children he has been active in the Church, serving as president of the M-Men and Gleaners and the Stake MIA Secretary in the Hayward Stake.

A missionary farewell in honor of Elder Stanley Camp Peterson Jr. was held September 20 in Concord 2d Ward chapel. Elder Peterson is the son of Bishop and Mrs. Stanlye C. Peterson, and the brother of Diane and Monica.

Elde Peterson has been called as a full time missionary in the West Central States Mission. After reporting to the Mission Home in Salt Lake City, he will fly to Billings, Montana, which will be his headquarters.

Stanley has completed two years' study at Brigham Young University, and plans to continue his education after completing his mission.



Norman Kent Rounds, eldest son of Kent and Cenella Rounds, was honored at a missionary farewell at Walnut Creek Ward October 11 on the eve of his departure for the Southwest Indian Mission. He left for the Mission Home at Salt Lake October 22.

Norman's father, 1st counselor to Bishop Joseph W. Brown of Walnut Creek Ward, flew in from his annual extended business trip to Japan barely in time to speak at his son's testimonial. Other participants in the program were his mother, younger brother Alan, Sister Shirley Moore, organist; Scoutmaster John L. Hilton, Stan Gold, priests' quorum advisor; Bishop Brown, Stake Patriarch Vinal G. Mauss, and Elder Rounds himself.

..His departure brings back to nine the number of Walnut Creek Ward missionaries in the field.

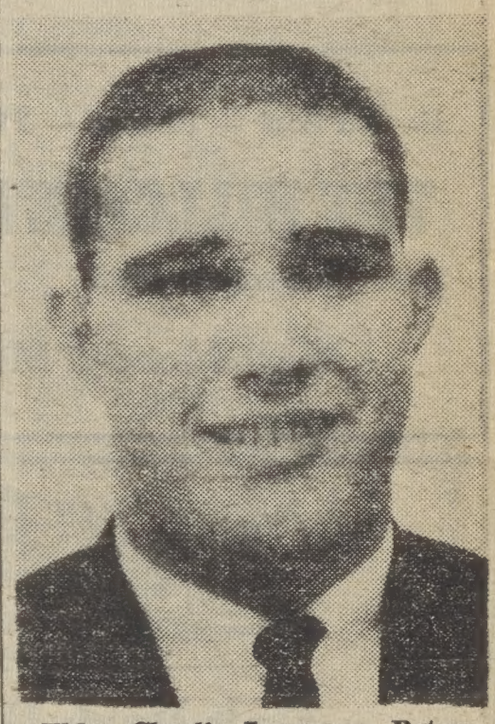
DARRELL A. GOLD, whose departure for the Argentine mission was announced last month. He is a son of Hayward Stake Counselor Joel and Sister Nellie Gold.

To Eastern States

..The Hill Cumorah Pageant and the New York World's Fair will be familiar territory to Elder ARTHUR BERG as he fills his new assignment in the Eastern States Mission. Elder Berg was called into the mission home in Salt Lake November 2. On October 25 he was honored in Hayward Ward by a farewell testimonail followed by a reception given by his parents Warren and Irene Berg.

Arthur is a graduate of Sunset High School and has been attending Brigham Young University. He loves to fish and to waterski asd played on two church basketball teams that won stake championships.

Continuing a tradition of full-time missionary calls Arthur is now the fourteenth missionary from Hayward in the field. Others are Michael Lyon, who will complete his mission in Uruguay in December, Roy 'Butch' Dahle in the Andes mission, Dennis Stewart in Japan, Richard Hemming in Ireland, Vic Simard in Japan, Kay Bryson in Tahiti, John 'Jay' Crocket in Montreal, Larry LaPray in Ottawa, Richard White in the Western States, Sister Pat Wallwork in southern Germany, Brad Monson, Chile, Darrell Gold, Argentina, and Mark Sylvester in southwestern Britain.



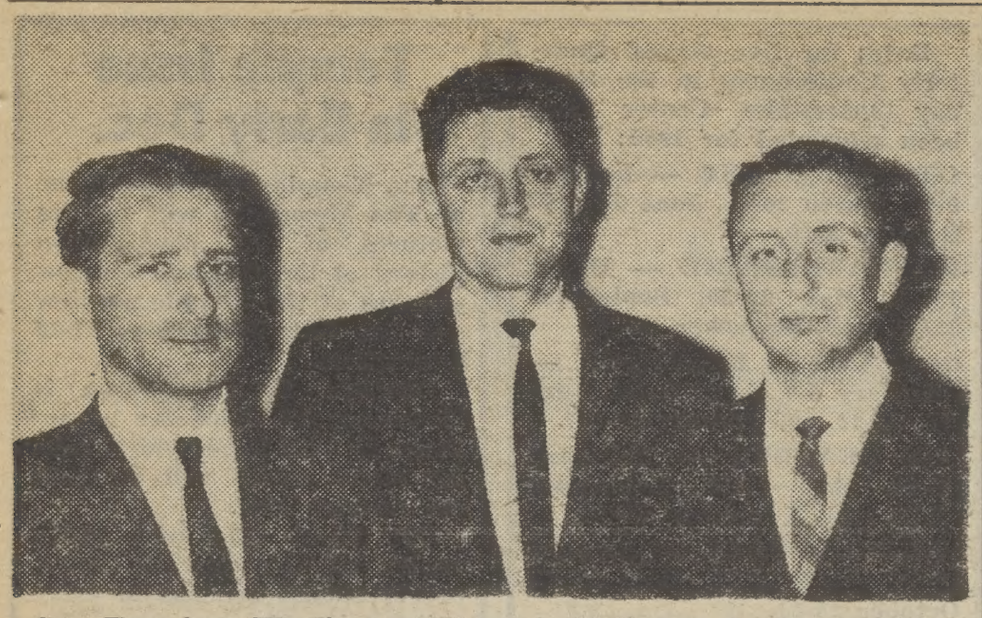
Elder Charlie Lawrence Peters, Jr., eldest son of Charlie and Dawna Peters of Pittsburg, left October 19th from the Salt Lake Mission Home to fill a 2 year mission to the New England States.

A farewell testimonial in his honor was held Sept. 20 in the Pittsburgh Chapel. Special guests from Walnut Creek were his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Caldwell, members of the Pleasant Hill Ward.

Elder Peters graduated from Pittsburg High School in 1962 and as an outstanding tackle on the Pirate football team for 4 years, received a scholarship to Brigham Young University. He completed his sophomore year at the Y and was a member of the Cougar Football team for 2 years. He was majoring in Animal Husbandry at the time of his mission call.

An outstanding leader in the Church, he is an Eagle Scout, received his Duty to God award, and earned 7 Priesthood Awards.

He has one brother, James, also an Eagle Scout.



San Francisco Ward's new bishopric is Vernon L. Snow, bishop; Raymond T. Stein and Arthur Farr Budge, counselors; succeeding Kenneth L. Roberts, who has moved from San Francisco, Brother Stein, and Laurence Lyon.

Bishop Snow has been a member of the San Francisco Stake high council, superintendent of the stake YMMIA, and a counselor in the Bay Ward bishopric. He was raised in Canada, is the son of Lula Snow of Cardston, Alberta, and the late V.L. Snow. He is married to [illegible]nae LeClerc formerly of Keri Keri, New Zealand.

Raymond T. Stein is a native of San Francisco, the son of Theodore and Ida Stein. In 1961 he married BarDee Stowell. Prior to his call to the bishopric, he served as deacon's quorum advisor. He served in the Swiss Austrian Mission.

Arthur Farr Budge is a practicing physician with the Public Health Service. He was born in Ogden, Utah; the son of William A. and Jennie Farr Budge. He served as a missionary in the Central States Mission, as president of an elders quorum in the Baltimore Stake and as a member of the stake Aaronic Priesthood committee in the Seattle Stake. He is married to Marian Underwood and the father of four children.

Health Officer Wins High Honor

Dr. Malcolm Merrill, California State Health director, and a member of Berkeley 1st Ward, has won one of the American Public Health Association's three Bronfman prizes for 1964.

Dr. Merrill was cited as a "courageous crusader for the health of all mankind" by the awards committee.

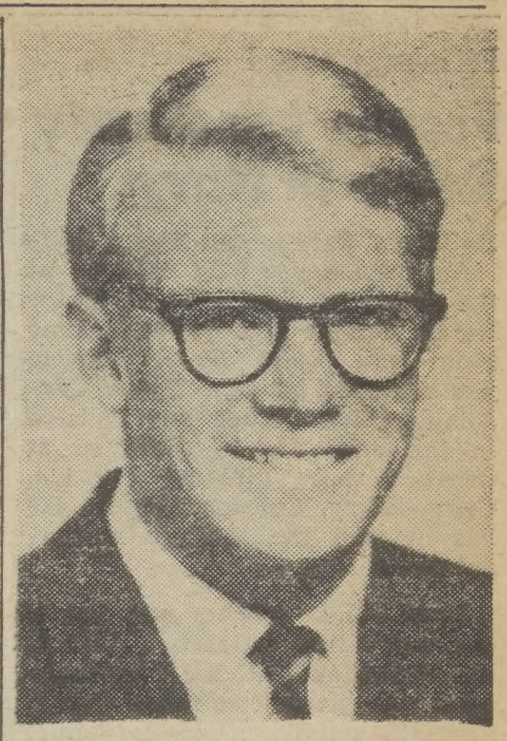
California's health chief for 10 years, Dr. Merrill, the committee said, "blends idealism and practicalism in unique public health statesmanship." The committee reported that California was the first state to develop air purification standards, and Dr. Merrill helped to secure the state law requiring all motor vehiclesto carry auto exhaust control devices.

"Under Dr. Merrill's leadership," the committee said, "The state health department launched continuous sampling of consumable foods, anti-detergent studies of the state's water supplies, reclamation of potable water from sewers and biological control programs against insect pests.

Finally, he was cited for being instrumental in establishing the first radiological health survey network to monitor air, water, seafood, crops, milk, snow and rain.

Bastian - Mauss

GORDON E. AND BARBARA BASTIAN MAUSS at their reception in the Seattle Stake cultural hall August 13. Barbara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale C. Bastian of Seattle, Washington. Patriarch and Mrs. Vinal G. Mauss of Walnut Creek Stake, parents of the bridegroom, gave a wedding breakfast for families and friends after the marriage at the Logan Temple, in which Temple President Raymond officiated. The couple has returned to BYU where Gordon expects to be graduated next August.



Stephen James Hattley entered the Mission home in Salt Lake City Oct. 26 preparatory to serving in the North Argentine Mission. He was honored at a farewell testimonial at the Oakland 4th ward October 18. A graduate of Fremont High School, he has completed one year at Brigham Young University. He is the son of Ruby Hattley.

Betrothal Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Morley Jr., longtime residents of Richmond Ward, have announced the betrothal of their daughter Vivian Jane to Joseph William Despain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Despain of Sandy, Utah.

The bride-elect was graduated from Richmond High School in 1960 and is a life member of the California Scholarship Federation. She received a degree in elementary education from BYU last June and is teaching at Murray, Utah.

Vivian has been a Sunday School teacher in Richmond Ward and has worked in the Relief Society of the 13th Ward, BYU 3d Stake. Her future bridegroom also was graduated from BYU in June, has received a teaching assistantship, and is working on his master's degree in medicine. He fulfilled a mission for the Church in Switzerland and is a sergeant in the U. S. Army Reserve.

The young couple plans to be married in the Salt Lake Temple November 20. An open house will be held the following evening at the home of the bridegroom's parents. A post-nuptial reception will follow in the cultural hall of the Richmond Ward chapel November 27. The young people plan to make their first home in Provo, Utah.

Hayward Ward

Wives Dinner Dance —With Husbands!

Dinner dancing with their husbands and a fabulous bazaar have claimed the energies and attention of Hayward Ward Relief Society sisters during recent weeks. President Dorthey Shane and her counselors spared nothing to make the Opening Social on September 23 a success with a luscious turkey dinner, followed by an exhibition of dances from the forthcoming MIA dance festival. These dances had been taught by Stake dance directors Lloyd and Alida Silva to a group of talented young people who will help to teach the dances in the stake. The Silvas then led guests in some rollicking mixers and circle dances.

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Pittsburg Ward

Former Missionary Enlists In Navy

By Boots Barrus and Thora Astle

An open house held recently at the home of Brother and Sister Frank Fountain welcomed home their son, Elder Bruce Bowen, just returned from a 2-year Canadian mision. Bruce has enlisted in the navy and is stationed at Great Lakes Training Station, Camp Berry, Chicago, Illinois. He has entered the field of nuclear submarines.

New M.I.A. officers and teachers are Clyde Harris, Y.M.I.A. superintendent; Richard Hollingshead, age group counselor; Dennis Mecham, activity counselor; James Peters, secretary; Tom Neeves, assistant Explorer advisor; and Bob LaPointe, athletic director. Of the Y.W.M.I.A. Vera Campbell, 1st Year Beehive teacher; Ceciela Mecham, MIA Maid teacher; and Shirley Merrill, secretaay.

Girls receiving M.I.A. awards on honor night were: 1st year Beehive, Leslie Barrus and Tina Buccellato; 2d year Beehive, Nicolette Graham; MIA Maids, Joan Magleby, Brenda Hood, Evelyn Dutton, and Helen Jensen; Laurels, Pat Barrus and Pat McCoy; Gleaner, Dianne Astle.

Brother and Sister Dennis Mecham are parents of a baby daughter, Tamara Lynne, born September 19, and the first female born in the Mecham family for 45 years. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Mecham, Concord, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Epling, Pittsburg and one living great grandmother, Sister Ehtel Epling of Antioch. She has one brother Geoffrey.

A baby daughter was welcomed into the home of Brother and Sister Richard Hillingshead, September 29. She has two sisters and four brothers.

Primary family home hour was held October 11 to introduce the family home partnership program to the parents of the Primary children. Two new counselors have been cosen to assist President Sybil Graham. They are Shirley Morrison, 1st counselor and Lorna Smith, 2d counselor.

Attending college this year are several members of Pittsburg Ward. Marie Macfarlane, Tony Buccellato and Dianne Astle have returned to Brigham Young University. Patricia Barrus has enrolled at Diablo Valley College, and John Puccis is attending San Francisco State. Brother Don Baker has moved his family to Logan, Utah, where he is attending Utah State.

Recent visitors to the Hawaiian Islands were James Peters and Nelson Astle, both Eagle Scouts. They were part of a naval training cruise with a Concord Explorer Post. Both boys were enthusiastic about their trip, placing special emphasis on their visit to the Hawaiian Temple, where they were baptized for the dead. Their trip to the Islands was made on the U.S.S. Mitchell, and they returned on the U.S.S. Barrett. They were gone approximately three weeks.

The Relief Society Social was held September 29, with 38 sister present. The event honored the visiting teachers of the twelve districts, and gave them special recognition. Theme of the affair was "Fall Harvest". Grape leaves and chrysanthemums in yellow and orange were table decorations. Hollowed watermelons filled with assorted melons and other fruit served both as centerpieces and dessert. The menu tuna casserole, green salad, hot rolls, and tomato juice. A glimpse of the studies of the year was given by the teachers: Vera Campbell, theology; Joan Thoma, literature; Annette Harris, social science; and Reva Macfarlane, visiting teachers' messages. Mody Tiewater gave a pep talk on the magazine. New officers and teachers for 1964-65 were introduced by President Laur Muceus - Ceceila Mecham, chorister; Patricia Persons has been made educational counselor, and Helen Houston is the new work leader. The Relief Society is now looking forward to the next big event, which will be a spaghetti dinner and bazaar Thursday, November 12 at 6 p.m.

Centerville Ward

Plan Full Program For Relief Society

By Marylyn Eyer

Relief Society's annual Bazaar will be held Friday, November 6, at the chapel, beginning at 5:30. Usual bazar items, (wonderful for Christmas gifts) food, games, and fun will be available. The Bazaar is under the direction of the presidency—Myrtle Jibson, Dorothy Williams, Alene Richardson and work-day leader, Artie Green.

The Relief Society had a successful opening social, treating more than 80 members and friends to good food and entertainment. A brunch of homemade cinnamon breads, sweet rolls, ham, cheese, fresh fruits was enjoyed. A skit was presented to encourage the sisters to attend their meetings each Tuesday morning. Participating were Myrtle Jibson, Dorothy Williams, Alene Richardson, Anna Hoem, Doris Ridge, Hanee Halliday, Wilma Steadman, Arva Hughes, Norma Webb, Naoma Bodily, Wanda Smith, Laurence Beck, Artie Green, Marjorie Bernards, Marylyn Eyer, and Gwen Butler. Sixty of the 80 sisters returned the following week for the first Theology lesson of the new year, given by Laurence Beck.

Mutual has been its usual active self this last month with 27 young people and two chaperones —Maurine McKinley and Jennie Perry—chartering a bus to Santa Cruz, where they spent the day.

MIA also participated in a citywide Flea Market held at the Nimitz Auto Movie. The Explorers cleared $50 for their funds and the YWMIA under the direction of Sister McKinley, Roberta McBride, Rose Parker, Donna Jackson and 19 Bee Hive and MIA Maid girls cleared $70 toward the girls' camp fund.

The Mutual Marrieds, under the direction of Gordon and Ruby Becker, took a moonlight cruise of San Francisco Bay. Leaving Jack London Square early in the evening, they were able to enjoy the moonlight, the reflections of city lights in the water, a turkey and ham dinner, and dancing. Thirty-eight couples participated, and the evening was described as "spectacularly beautiful."

Oakland 3d Ward

Everybody Works On Annual Bazaar

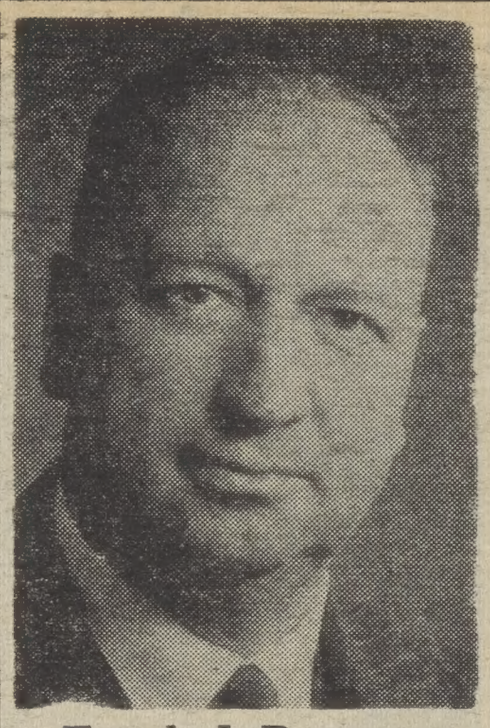
By Mary D. Westover

Everyone in Oakland 3d Ward is working on the annual bazaar, to be held November 5 and 6, in the Interstake Center Cultural Hall. The Priesthood is sponsoring the General Store under supervision of Ren Hoopes, Roy Weindorf and Herb Van Noy, who report that they will have $10,000 worth of merchandise to be sold at about half price. The Relief Society will offer a stock of handmade items from quilts to those clever small objects so desirable for Christmas giving. The Primary is planning a bake-goods sale, and the bishopric will sponsor hot meals from 5:00 to9:00 p.m. on Thursday and from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday

Don Wood has been appointed Temple Recorder and Elmo Carr will be an ordinance worker in charge of baptisms for the dead. The entire ward has been busy with the Open House, the only complaint heard being, "Oh, my aching feet!"

Kenneth Jurgevich recently completed all his requirements for Eagle Scout.

The teacher training program is off to a good start under the leadership of Boniie Johnson.



Frank J. Parsons

By Marilla Bodily

A link with the early days of the Church was broken last July 11 with the death of Frank J. Parsons, who knew Wilford Woodruff, Joseph F. Smith, and other early leaders and who was born only 34 years after arrival of the first pioneers in the Salt Lake Valley.

Francis Joseph Parsons was born at Salt Lake City November 23, 1881, to Arthur and Mary Ellen (Stansbury) Parsons. His father had come from England two years before. His mother had crossed the plains from her birthplace in St. Louis at the age of eight, walking much of the way barefooted. His father taught at the old one-room Rock School on First North and Fourth West. Here Frank received his "education," completing the eight grade.

In 1908 he was called on a mission, sent to the Swiss-German Mission and, shortly after his return, married Susan Lily Newton and went to work for the Utah Copper Company. Here he furthered his education by correspondence courses he took in his employer's name so successfully that the employer was offered a position with the school.

As secretary to the superintendent of mills of his company, Brother Parsons came to San Francisco in 1915 and returned later as secretary to the famous D. C. Jackling after a two-year sojourn in Salt Lake. His career was interrupted by illness in 1922 while he, his wife, and daughter Rosemary were living in Albany. When he recovered his health he became a salesman for the Wyoming Coal Company in Utah and California, later transferred to the Richfield Oil Company where he worked until retirement in 1947. The family home continued in Albany.

He was noted for his booming bass voice and for his accomplishment in memoriz,ing the scriptures. He was a member of the first San Francisco Stake high council in 1927.

Surviving are his widow and two children, Mrs. Bernell Nelson and Francis Joseph Jr., and six grandchildren.

Mission Ward

Pea Pickers Hold Pot Luck Dinner

By Leonard W. Cryer

Mission Ward held a Pea Pickers' pot luck family type dinner September 25.

Free, fresh green peas, hand picked from San Francisco Stake's Farm, were given, on a first-come, first served basis, to the head of each household present, to take home.

A good turnout of members received their peas, ate the good, home-cooked food, and enjoyed entertainment provided by the ward members. James Lowes and his accorddion, enlivened the evening with special musical selections.

During the summer, many members worked on the Stake Farm, both week days and Saturdays, cultivating and harvesting peas and other vegetables. All members are urged to continue the donation of labor on Saturday, during the fall and winter months, so that this worthy welfare project will keep operating at full capacity. Anyone needing transportation to the Farm should contact Mission Ward Counselor, Donald B. Shipp, 3767 Army St., phone number VA. 4-0760.

Dates for five stakes' Quarterly Conferences in the Eastbay Interstake Center have been scheduled for 1965:

CONCORD STAKE — January 9-10, March 20-21, June 5-6 and October 9-10.

HAYWARD STAKE — March 13-14, May 29-30, September 25-26 and December 11-12.

OAKLAND - BERKELEY — February 6-7, April 24-25, August 21-22 and November 6-7.

SAN LEANDRO — February 27-28, May 15-16, September 11-12 and November 27-28.

WALNUT CREEK — January 23-24, April 10-11, June 26-27, October 23-24.

Temple Issue In Early Dec.

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For those who wish extra copies of the souvenir issue, orders should be sent in early —the price 10c per copy.

Cheney - Welch

Provo, Utah, will be home for recently-wed Patricia Sue Cheney and Dennis Frank Welch. The former San Leandrans were married at the Los Angeles Temple the morning of August 29. Patricia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vao L. Cheney. Her bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Welch. Both young people will attend Brigham Young University as seniors. Patricia will receive her cap in nursing and Dennis his degree in business.

Cherrington - Blair

BEVERLY RAE CHERRINGTON, daughter of Horace and Blanche Cherrington of Walnut Creek Ward, became the bride of Kenneth Raymond Blair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Blair of Vallejo at the Los Angeles Temple September 18, with President Benjamin Bowring officiation. The bride, whose father is a former mayor of Walnut Creek, is a graduate of Las Lomas High School and attended Diablo Valley College. Her husband is a graduate of Vallejo Senior High School, attended Brigham Young University, and served a mission for the Church in the Central Atlantic States. On their arrival in California after a New York honeymoon the young people were honored at a reception in the Walnut Creek Ward cultural hall.

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LARON JOHNSON, shown with his wife, Barbara Jean, and daughter, Melanie, is new 2d counselor in Mission Ward, San Francisco Stake, serving with Bishop Conrad S. Barber and 1st counselor Donald B. Shipp. Brother Johnson is one of the youngest high priests in San Francisco Stake, being ordained two months before his 25th birthday. He served a two-year mission in northern California. Barbara, in addition to helping her husband through school, has been active in the Primary and Junior Sunday School.

Pleasant Hill Ward

Softball Champs Home From Tourney

By Bonnie B. Oram

Pleasant Hill's softball team returned from the all-Church playoffs with a tie for 12th place. The general attitude of the players and manager Jack Marshall was appreciation for being part of this Church organization.

A special feature of the ward potluck dinner held last month was a food demonstration prepared by the Relief Society from the dehydrated food found in the emergency kits. A representative of the Civil Defense Office spoke on food storage.

Sorrow is felt and expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Hopkins and Mr and Mrs. Charles Freeborn in the sudden death of their son and grandson in an automobile accident

Hospitalized, but now home and recovering are Frank Blair, Robert Anderson, and Gorden Gray.

Fall brought departure of 25 of our young people for colleges and universities. It also brought an infulx of new families. An official welcoming committee has been organized to help new and old ward members become better acquainted. This committee is headed by a couple of expert "potluckers" Bob Pederson and Martin Allred.

Newly organized, but already rolling is the Youth Missionary Committee. Monthly activities are planned for L.D.S. youth and their friends. The first of two successful activities was a two-ward game night at the chapel. This was followed by a trip to Oakland to view the Temple. Thirty-eight young people attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Oram have announced the engagement of their daughter Bonnie Beth to Mr. Teila T. Fonoimoana (Sonny) son of Mr. and Mrs. Teila O. Fonoimoana of San Leandro. Bonnie is a graduate of Pleasant Hill High School and is employed at the sheriff's office at Martinez. Sonny is a graduate of Encinal High School, Alameda. He has served a mission to Hawaii and is attending Diablo Valley College. Both young people have been dance directors for the MIA. They plan a November 7 wedding at the L.D.S. Chapel in Pleasant Hill.

The Annual Relief Society Bazaar is set Saturday November 21. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. Cost will be $5.00 per family or $1.25 and adult plate and $.75 child (12 and under). Featured will be bazaar items; various game booths and a "white elephant" sale. Good, used itms are being solicited for this booth, with emphasis on the good rather than the used.

Oakland 4th Ward

Christmas Gifts At Gala Bazaar

If you want a SNEAK PREVIEW OF CHRISTMAS come to the Oakland 4th Ward November 14. The Relief Society is having its annual gala bazaar, and anyone who has ever attended will need no urging. This year will feature the usual outstanding handmade articles by the Relief Society sisters and the home baked goodies, also a Teen Hangout with dancing, games and a ping pong and checker contest. Fish pond and toyland for the children, luncheon snack bar and program. Prizes at 3:30. Come and spend the day from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Welcome home to John and Signe Forseman. They have spent the last month visiting friends and relatives in Sweden. Welcome home also to Rich Wood and Mark Lauper our two most recently returned missionaries. Rich is living at home while Mark is attending B.Y.U. We heard from Rich Oct. 25 and tentative plans are to hear from Mark at Sacrament meeting on Nov. 22. George Nackos also returned from France, and although the Nackos family is residing in Costa Mesa now we look forward to hearing from him at a future date. By the time this goes to press Steve Martin should be home also, but we are still sending them out. Jim Hattley is attending the language school at the "X" before leaving for the North Argentine mission.

University Ward

Tell Engagement

By Gwyn A. Probst

Members of University Ward were pleased to learn last month of the engagement of Ward Clerk Lawrence C. Cannell to Betty Jo Nielen, also of University Ward. Larry is a research chemist and his fiancee is a supervisor of tabulating at an East Bay hospital. The wedding is planned for December 29 at the Logan Temple, and the couple plan to make their home in the East Bay.

September 24 saw the return of Elder Ray Levesque, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alston Levesque, from the northwestern states where he spent the "two happiest years of his life". He spent 13 months in Idaho and 11 in Washington and Oregon teaching the Gospel. Over 150 persons have come into the church as the result of the labors of him and his companions. He is enthusiastic about his missionary labors and the progressive Northwest Mission.

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